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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>09/530196</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP98/04981	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 5, 1998	PRIORITY DATES CLAIMED: November 7, 1997	
TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages -			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).			

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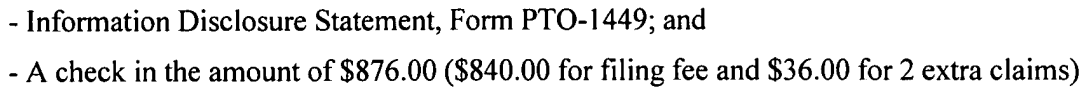
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Sir:

Submitted herewith, as the first submission, are the following for the purposes of entering the national stage for the USA under 35 U.S.C. 371(c), **immediate national examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) being requested.**

- International application PCT/JP98/04981 published as WO 99/24253 with English-language international search report issued by the Japanese Patent Office;
- English-language translation of the international application;
- Preliminary Amendment to eliminate multiple claim dependency;
- Copy of the front page of the Publication document;



- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449; and
- A check in the amount of \$876.00 (\$840.00 for filing fee and \$36.00 for 2 extra claims)

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$876.00**

Should no remittance be attached, or should a greater or lesser fee be required, please charge or credit our Account No. 22-0261.

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